



News Advisory

Hearing to Begin Tomorrow On California WaterFix

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What: Tomorrow, July 26, the State Water Resources Control Board will begin Part 1 of a two-part, multi-month water right change petition hearing for the California WaterFix Project. Part 2 is expected to take place in 2017.

In 2015, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation submitted a joint petition to the State Water Board for a change to the water right permits for the State Water Project and Central Valley Project. The two agencies are requesting to add points of water diversion on the Sacramento River associated with the California WaterFix Project.

Where: The joint petition hearing will be held in one of the State Water Board's hearing rooms on the second floor of the CalEPA Building, 1001 I Street, Sacramento. A schedule of the hearings can be found [here](#), with tentative hearing dates (as needed) scheduled through January 2017. On days scheduled, the hearing begins at 9 a.m.

These hearings will be live-streamed on the [CalEPA Live Webcasts page](#). The State Water Board media contact on this issue is Public Information Officer Tim Moran. He can be reached at timothy.moran@waterboards.ca.gov. For regular updates, please join the [email notification list](#) (look under "water rights" and then click the box for "California WaterFix").

Hearing Process

The California WaterFix hearing is similar to a judicial process, with the Board functioning as an independent, adjudicative body. The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to receive information on whether it should approve the change petition, subject to terms and conditions, or whether the petition should be disapproved.

The hearing is divided in two parts. Part 1 will address whether the change would initiate a new water right or injure any other legal users of water. Part 2 will address how fish and wildlife would be affected by the change and whether measures are required to protect them from any unreasonable impacts.

State Water Board and Office of Public Affairs staff are available to explain the hearing process and the Board's role. Any substantive questions about California WaterFix should be directed to DWR and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

For additional resources on the hearing process and the State Water Board's role, please visit the following links:

- [Main WaterFix page](#)
- [WaterFix Fact Sheet](#)
- [WaterFix Hearing Updates](#)

